



NOAA Seeking Nominations for Stewardship & Sustainability Awards

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has established the *Stewardship & Sustainability Awards* to recognize outstanding performance, achievements and leadership by industries, organizations and individuals that promote best stewardship practices for the sustainable use of living marine resources and foster a stewardship ethic within their community.

Administered by NOAA Fisheries Service, the *Stewardship & Sustainability Awards* reflect the values and principles of NOAA Fisheries Service and its mission to ensure sustainable management of living marine resources for the benefit of the nation. The first series of these annual awards will be announced in February 2006, in conjunction with the anniversary of the agency's predecessor, the U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries (established in February 1871).

NOAA hopes that nominations will be submitted by a broad range of marine fisheries stakeholders including industry, environmental or trade organizations, individuals and government agencies involved in the use, conservation, science and management of living marine resources. Nominees will be considered for the following awards:

- Special Recognition Award
- Stewardship and Sustainability Award
- Conservation Partnership Award
- Science, Research and Technology Award
- Coastal Habitat Restoration Award
- Public Education, Community Service & Media Award

The deadline for nominations is January 10, 2006. For more information, contact Laurel.Bryant@noaa.gov, or visit: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs/mafac/award.htm>

